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IMPARTING OF EDUCATION TO GIRLS IN SAINIK SCHOOLS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether at present the Sainik Schools do not cater to girls;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) whether the Government have received any request from any State Government for setting up of schools on the pattern of Sainik School for imparting education and training to girls for preparing them physically and mentally for their entry in defence forces; and

(d) if so, the decision taken thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c): A letter was received from Minister of State Education, Women and Child Welfare, Government ofGujarat, in 1998 requesting for the setting up of a sainik school for girls so that the girls can get an opportunity to join the defence forces at the officers level.

(d) The proposal to open sainik schools for girls had not been agreed in view of the fact that lady officers in the three Services are recruited by the three Services for performing certain functions which are of specialized and non-combatant nature of duties and hence restricted in scope.